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## **Mallory and Other Mayors to Consider I-75 Renovation Plans Advocate regional approach to the major project**

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory and the Mayors of all of the cities affected by the Thru the Valley Project are meeting today in Reading to discuss the alternative plans to renovate the I-75 Highway corridor. The I-75 Thru the Valley Project is a \$149 million project to widen and reconstruct I-75 from I-275 (on the north) to Paddock Road (on the south). The goal of the project is to improve safety, ease congestion, increase regional mobility, and develop solutions compatible with local land use plans. The Thru the Valley Project is component of the on-going I-75 Corridor Study, which is part of a multi-billion dollar infrastructure investment that includes the replacement/rehabilitation of the Brent Spence Bridge and the Mill Creek Expressway Project.

“I-75 is the backbone of our regional transportation system. The project has long term implications on the health and growth of the tri-state,” Mayor Mallory said. “It is vital that we work together in a collaborative manner to ensure that the final plan will secure lasting prosperity for all of our communities.”

The meeting is an opportunity for the Mayors of all of the cities affected by the I-75 renovation to share their thoughts on the alternative proposals for the project. The meeting was organized by Reading Mayor Bo Bemmles and Hamilton County Engineer Bill Brayshaw. The meeting is being held in the Reading City Council Chambers on Market Street from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm this afternoon.

The invited participants for the meeting include: Mayor Mark Mallory, Senator Patricia Clancy, the Hamilton County Commissioners, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the cities of Cincinnati, Reading, Wyoming, and Sharonville, and the villages of Lincoln Heights Lockland, Evendale, and Arlington Heights.

Mayor Mallory met with Covington Mayor Butch Callery last week to discuss the Brent Spence Bridge Project and ensure that both cities are in agreement on a regional approach to transportation planning.

Thru the Valley was determined to be one of the most critical projects on the list. As a result, this project was slated as a top priority. Work began on this project in May 2004.

The project is in Step 6 of ODOT's 14-Step Project Development Process. This step involves the identification, development, and assessment of the Feasible Alternatives selected for the project.

For more information about the I-75 renovation project visit: [www.thruthevalley.com](http://www.thruthevalley.com)

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